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## **NEW YORK TURFGRASS SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED**

The New York Agricultural Statistics Service in conjunction with the New York State Turfgrass Association is conducting a survey on the turfgrass industry in New York. The survey, which will take place in late 2003, will be the first of its kind in New York State, according to Steve Ropel, State Statistician. Results will provide up-to-date information on the nature, extent, economic value and impact of the turfgrass industry in New York.

The survey questionnaire will be mailed to a sample of golf courses, sod farms, lawn services, cemeteries, parks, schools, highways and rest areas, corporate sites, residences, and apartments. Results will measure the number of hired workers, equipment expenses, non-equipment expenses, paid labor expenses, maintained acreage of turf and capital improvement expenses.

It is very important that all those who are sent questionnaires, complete it and submit it to NASS. The information provided by individuals, which is extremely vital to the survey, is kept confidential and will not be shared with other agencies.

Publication of the survey will be available in the summer of 2004. A copy of the survey will be sent to respondents and those who are interested in receiving the report. For more information, contact Candice Howard, NASS, at 800-821-1276.

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